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FOR SENATOR STEVENSON AND DAS LUERS

FOLLOWING REPEAT MOSCOW 00158 ACTION SECSTATE JAN 5

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1. WE ARE GRATIFIED THAT SENATOR'S STAFF IS PLEASED BY
PLANNED PROGRAM FOR HIS VISIT. WITH REFERENCE TO
REQUESTS AND SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED REFTEL, WE ARE
PROVIDING SOME COMMENT HERE BUT WILL WISH TO TAKE UP
ADDITIONAL DETAILS DIRECTLY WITH DAS LUERS WHEN HE
ARRIVES IN MOSCOW.

2. WE HAVE INFORMED MFA OF THE SENATOR'S INTEREST IN
CALLING ON BREZHNEV, KOSYGIN, OGARKOV AND ALTUNIN.
PARTICULARLY IN THE CASE OF THE FIRST TWO, WE ARE
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UNLIKELY TO HAVE ANY FAVORABLE WORD, IF ONE IS TO BE
FORTHCOMING, UNTIL SHORTLY BEFORE THE EVENT.

3. IN VIEW OF SENATOR'S INTEREST IN EXPANDING
JANUARY 16 DINNER, WE ARE TRYING FOR SHERSHNEV (USA
INSTITUTE DEPUTY DIRECTOR AND CHIEF ECONOMIST),
MORDVINOV (CHIEF OF GOSPLAN SECTION ON FOREIGN ECONOMIC

RELATIONS), AND DRDOSEYEV (DEPUTY DIRECTOR, USA
DIVISION OF MFA) IN ADDITION TO MIKOYAN AND IVANOV.

4. CONCERNING WEEKEND TRAVEL, WE NOTE SENATOR'S
PREFERENCE FOR ZAGORSK AND OTHER CITIES CLOSER TO
MOSCOW. UNFORTUNATELY, EVEN WITH THE BEST DRIVING
CONDITIONS IT WOULD BE UNREALISTIC TO TRY TO COVER
ROSTOV AND YAROSLAVL ON THE SAME DAY AS A TRIP TO
ZAGORSK. TRIP TO ROSTOV IS SOME FOUR HOURS
FROM ZAGORSK, AND YAROSLAVL IS AN ADDITIONAL TWO
HOURS DRIVING. IN VIEW OF SCARCITY OF DAYLIGHT
HOURS AND DIFFICULTY OF DRIVING IN DARKNESS, WE
STRONGLY RECOMMEND THAT SENATOR PLAN TO CONFINE HIS
SATURDAY TRIP TO ZAGORSK. THIS WOULD ALSO MAKE
POSSIBLE SUNDAY SCHEDULE OF CHURCH VISITS PLUS
DRIVE AROUND MOSCOW ENVIRONS. IN THIS CONNECTION,
WE DO NOT RECOMMEND THAT SENATOR AND PROFESSOR LEWIS
SPEND NIGHT AT DACHA, AN EXPERIENCE WHICH WOULD BE
SPARTAN AT BEST, BUT THAT WEEKEND SCHEDULE BE
DEVELOPED ALONG FOLLOWING LINES:

(A) SATURDAY:
0900H LEAVE FOR ZAGORSK VIA EMBASSY CAR,
ACCOMPANIED BY PROFESSOR LEWIS AND MR. AND MRS. JACK GUILSHER,
EMBASSY CONFERENCE ATTACHE.

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1100-1400 GUIDED TOUR OF ZAGORSK MONASTERY AND ENVIRONS.

1400 LUNCH AT RESTAURANT.

1500 DRIVE TO EMBASSY DACHA AT TARASOVKA.

1600 DRINKS WITH THE MATLOCKS AND RELAXATION ON DACHA GROUNDS.

1900 DINNER AT LOCAL RESTAURANT IN TARASOVKA WITH MATLOCKS
AND GUILLSHERS.

2100 RETURN TO MOSCOW.

(B) SUNDAY:

1000 ATTEND BAPTIST CHURCH SERVICE.

1100 ATTEND ORTHODOX CHURCH SERVICE. (IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO
LEAVE BAPTIST SERVICE EARLY TO ATTEND BOTH.)

1215 DRIVE TO RESTAURANT ON EDGE OF MOSCOW.

1300 LUNCH.

1430-1700 DRIVE AROUND ENVIRONS, INCLUDING PEREDELKINO IF POSSIBLE (IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT ALTHOUGH EMBASSY CARS DO GO TO PEREDELKINO, IT IS TECHNICALLY IN CLOSED AREA; WHILE WE COULD REQUEST PERMISSION FOR SENATOR TO GO THERE, IT MIGHT WELL BE TURNED DOWN). ALTERNATIVELY, A TOUR IN MOSCOW COULD BE ARRANGED FOR THE AFTERNOON.

1730 RETURN TO HOTEL AND REST.

1900 SENATOR AND DAS LUERS HAVE DINNER AT SOVIET HOME.

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